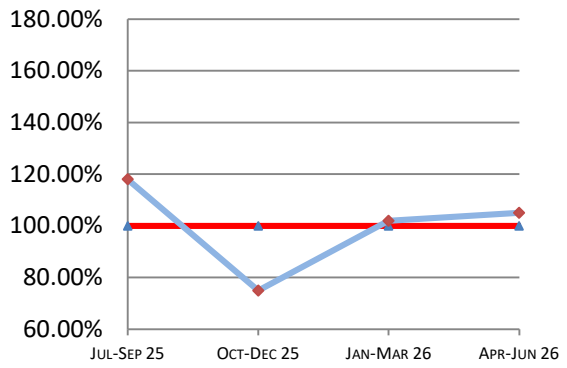
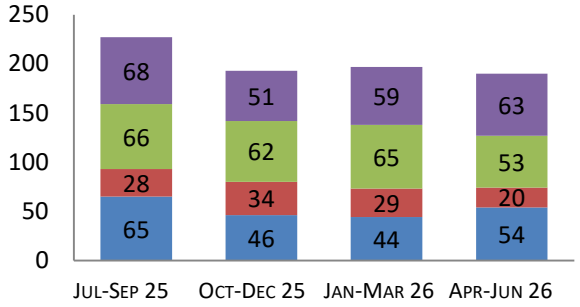
Montana Supreme Court
Case Processing Measures
Quarterly Report

Apr-Jun 2026

Case Clearance



Manner of Disposition



Published Opinion Non-Cite Opinion or Memorandum
Closed Other Original Proceeding Dispositive Order

Age of Pending Cases as of: 07/01/26

Age in Days from Date Sent to Court	# Cases Less than 180 Days Old	# Cases More than 180 Days old	Percent Current (less than 180 days old)
Direct Appeal			
Civil General	55	15	79%
Domestic Relations	22	4	85%
Abuse & Neglect	7	0	100%
Criminal	65	16	80%
Direct Appeal All	149	35	81%
Original Proceedings	18	0	100%

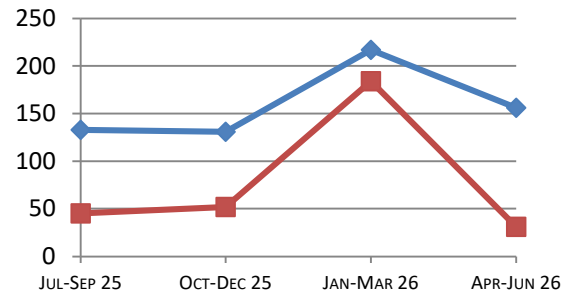
2nd Quarter 2026 Highlights

* The Percent Current cases decreased from 87% to 81% for Direct Appeal cases and remained at 100% for Original Proceedings cases from Q1 2026 to Q2 2026.

* Case Clearance rates remained above 100% for the second Quarter in a row.

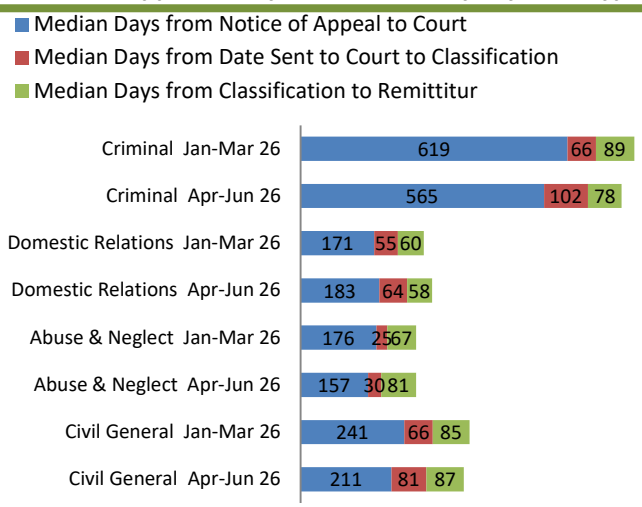
* Time to Disposition rates in both Direct Appeals and Original Proceedings decreased from Q1 2026 levels.

Time to Disposition



Direct Appeals Original Proceedings

Direct Appeal Lifecycle - Median Days by Case Type



Case Clearance: The ratio between the number of cases closed (outgoing) and the number of cases filed (incoming).
Manner of Disposition: The manner by which the Court disposes of its cases.
Age of Pending Cases: The age of the Court's active cases (does not include stayed cases).
Time to Disposition: The length of time (median days) it takes the Court to dispose of cases.

Baseline information and a description of the methodology used is available at www.courts.mt.gov